(b) if so, the details of such plans for this financial year;

(c) whether any financial assistance in the form of loans will be given for the acquisition trawlers;

(d) if so, the details of such schemes;

(e) to what extent, Government tie up with any financial institutions to ensure that soft credit is given to the fishing sector; and

(f) the details of such schemes being planned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Comprehensive Marine Fishing Policy was finalised in October, 2004. As per the Policy, an Inter-Ministerial Empowered Committee on Marine Fisheries has been constituted to consider proposals on Development of deep sea fishing. The number and type of resource specific fishing vessels that whould be permitted in the next five years have been decided and published for the information of the prospective entrepreneurs.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) to (f) Question does not arise.

Bulk drug pricing

1288. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority has revised the bulk drug prices in the country, recently;

(b) if so, the details of the drugs whose prices have been reduced and the details of drugs whose prices have been increased; and

(c) to whant extent the policy helps in bringing down the prices of drugs in the country?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) to (c) Presently 74 bulk drugs specified in the First Schedule of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1995 (DPCO, 95) and the formulations based thereon are under price control and

their prices are fixed/revised by the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority(NPPA) in accordance with the provisions of the DPCO, 95. These drugs have been identified for inclusion under price control in the DPCO, 95 on the basis of criteria mentioned in the 'Modifications in Drug Policy, 1986', announced in September, 1994. These criteria take into account the extent of usage and the market competition in various drugs.

Prices of non-scheduled formulations are fixed by the manufacturers themselves keeping in view the various factors like cost of production, marketing/selling expenses, R&D expenses, trade commission, market competition, product innovation, product quality etc. The Government takes corrective measures where the public interest is found to be adversely affected.

The NPPA has fixed/revised prices of bulk drugs and derivatives in 51 cases from January 2005 till date. Prices in 50 cases have been reduced and price in only one case has been increased. Details are in the statement (*see* below).

The Drug Policy, as amended from time to time, is directed towards ensuring abundant availability of quality drugs at reasonable prices.

Statement

Details of prices of bulk drugs fixed/revised by NPPA from January, 2005 to till date

Sl. No.	Name of the Bulk Drug	Unit	Existing Price (Rs.)	Date	Revised Price (Rs.)	Date	% Change	Remarks
1	Oxytetracycline Hcl	KG	1098.00	03.03.05	1097.00	24.03.05	-0.09%	Decrease
2	Oxytetracycline Amphoteric	KG	1556.00	03.03.05	1553.00	24.03.05	-0.19%	Decrease
3	Sulphamoxole	KG	611.00	03.03.04	589.00	24.03.05	-3.60%	Decrease
4	Lynestrenol	KG	79044.00	07.02.00	73995.00	24.03.05	-6.39%	Decrease
5	Iodochlorohydroxyquino-line (ICHQ)	KG	728.00	03.03.04	702.00	24.03.05	-3.57%	Decrease
6	Prednisolone	KG	57158.00	03.03.04	56503.00	24.03.05	-1.15%	Decrease
7	Prednisolone Acetate	KG	34077.00	03.03.04	31921.00	24.03.05	-6.33%	Decrease
8	Chloroquine Phosphate	KG	729.00	03.03.04	706.00	24.03.05	-3.16%	Decrease
9	Pentazocine	KG	34162.00	23.05.03	33663.00	24.03.05	-1.46%	Decrease
10	Procaine Penicillin G	KG	1368.00	03.03.04	1357.00	24.03.05	-0.80%	Decrease
11	Benzathine Penicillin G	KG	2500.00	03.03.04	2469.00	24.03.05	-1.24%	Decrease
12	Pyrental Pamoate	KG	1370.00	03.03.04	1361.00	24.03.05	-0.66%	Decrease
13	Metronidazole Benzoate	KG	382.00	03.03.04	373.00	24.03.05	-2.36%	Decrease

Sl. No.	Name of the Bulk Drug	Unit	Existing Price (Rs.)	Date	Revised Price (Rs.)	Date	% Change	Remarks
14	Vitamin C (Plain)	KG	500.00	03.03.04	479.00	24.03.05	-4.20%	Decrease
15	Vitamin C (Coated)	KG	498.00	03.03.04	477.00	24.03.05	-4.22%	Decrease
16	Sodium Ascorbate	KG	547.00	03.03.04	525.00	24.03.05	-4.02%	Decrease
17	Cefotaxime Sodium (Sterile)	KG	9033.00	03.03.04	8632.00	24.03.05	-4.44%	Decrease
18	Erythromycin Estolate (Ex-Fermentation)	KG	3511.00	03.03.04	3502.00	24.03.05	-0.26%	Decrease
19	Erythromycin Estolate (Ex-TOCl)	KG	2329.00	03.03.04	2197.00	24.03.05	-5.67%	Decrease
20	Erythromycin Base (Ex-Fermentation)	KG	4814.00	03.03.04	4803.00	24.03.05	-0.23%	Decrease
21	Erythromycin Base (Ex-TIOC)	KG	2759.00	03.03.04	2571.00	24.03.05	-6.81%	Decrease
22	Erythromycin Steareate	KG	1982.00	03.03.04	1861.00	24.03.05	-6.10%	Decrease
23	Erythromycin Ethyl Succinate	KG	3255.00	03.03.04	3127.00	24.03.05	-3.93%	Decrease
24	Erythromycin Propionate	KG	3211.00	03.03.04	3024.00	24.03.05	-5.82%	Decrease
25	Betamethasone Alcohol	KG	224.00	03.03.04	221.00	24.03.05	-1.34%	Decrease
26	Betamethasone Valerate	KG	213.00	03.03.04	210.00	24.03.05	-1.41%	Decrease
27	Betamethasone Sodium Phos.	KG	178.00	03.03.04	176.00	24.03.05	-1.12%	Decrease
28	Vitamin a Pal. 1.0/ 1.7 MIU/Gm.	1000MIU	2436.00	03.03.04	2427.00	24.03.05	-0.37%	Decrease
29	Vitamin A Acet. 1.0 MIU/Gm.	1000MIU	2544.00	03.03.04	2535.00	24.03.05	-0.35%	Decrease
30	Dry Vitamin A 0.5 MIU/Gm.	1000MIU	3403.00	03.03.04	3393.00	24.03.05	-0.29%	Decrease
31	Vitamin E Acelate	KG	942.00	03.03.04	905.00	24.03.05	-3.93%	Decrease
32	Carbamezapine	KG	3103.00	14.01.04	3080.00	24.03.05	-0.74%	Decrease
33	Dextropoxyphene Hcl	KG	3997.00	13.08.04	3846.00	24.03.05	-3.78%	Decrease
34	Dextropoxyphene Napsylate	KG	5357.00	13.08.04	5178.00	24.03.05	-3.34%	Decrease
35	Ibuprofen	KG	384.00	15.10 04	370.00	24.03.05	-3.65%	Decrease
36	Parachlorometaxy-lenol (PCMX)	KG	294.00	03.03.04	284.00	24.03.05	-3.40%	Decrease
37	Spironolactone	KG	26619.00	14.01.04	25667.00	24.03.05	-3.58%	Decrease
38	Doxycycline Hcl/ Hyclate	KG	1855.00	14.01.04	1788.00	24.03.05	-3.61%	Decrease
39	Cefadroxyl Monohydrate	KG	4548.00	03.03.04	2303.00	24.03.05	-49.36%	Decrease
40	Tolnaftate	KG	6477.00	11.05.01	4167.00	24.03.05	-35.66%	Decrease
41	Rifampicin	KG	4200.00	05.02.02	3480.00	24.03.05	-17.14%	Decrease
42	Ranitidine Hcl	KG	690.00	07.07.03	625.00	15.06.05	-9.42%	Decrease
43	Nalidixic Acid	KG	1562.00	11.05.01	1623.00	15.06.05	3.9%	Increase
44	Erythromycin Estolate	KG	3502/2197	24.03.05	2063.00	15.06.05	-6.10%	Decrease
45	Erythromycin Base	KG	4803/2571	24.03.05	2092.00	15.06.05	-18.63%	Decrease
46	Erythromycin Stearate	KG	1861.00	24.03.05	1465.00	15.06.05	-21.28%	Decrease
47	Erythromycin Ethyl Succinate	KG	3127.00	24.03.05	2892.00	15.06.05	-7.52%	Decrease
48	Erythromycin Propionate	KG	3024.00	24.03.05	2318.00	15.06.05	-23.35%	Decrease
49	Naproxen	KG	4864.00	06.08.97	1864.00	15.06.05	-61.68%	Decrease
50	Naproxen Sodium	KG	5385.00	19.11.94	1916.00	15.06.05	-64.42%	Decrease
51	Norfloxacin	KG	2162.00	13.12.96	860.00	15.06.05	-60.22%	Decrease